

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3763, Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act.
Committee ordered reported 26 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3233–S3335

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2235–2249. **Pages S3302–03**

Measures Passed:

Export-Import Bank Extension: Senate passed S. 2248, to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until May 31, 2002. **Page S3335**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3233–93**

Adopted:

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 3140 (to Amendment No. 2917), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3251–57**

Smith (OR) Amendment No. 3306 (to Amendment No. 3140), to clarify the definition of renewable energy. **Pages S3255–56**

Carper Amendment No. 3197 (to Amendment No. 2917), to encourage the efficient generation of electricity through combined heat and power and to modify the provision relating to termination of mandatory purchase and sale requirements under PURPA. (By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S3257–60**

Nickles Amendment No. 3256 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide that not withstanding any other provision in this Act, “3 cents” shall be considered by law to be “1.5 cents” in any place “3 cents” appears in Title II of this Act. (By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S3265–83**

Bingaman (for Byrd) Modified Amendment No. 3187 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased energy savings and greenhouse gas reduction benefits through the increased use of recovered material in federally funded projects involving procurement of cement or concrete. **Pages S3287–88**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3243 (to Amendment No. 2917), to strike section 721, with respect to the Application of the Historic Preservation Act to operating pipelines. **Pages S3287–88**

Bingaman (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3268 (to Amendment No. 2917), to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to provide guarantees of loans by private institutions for the construction of facilities for the processing and conversion of municipal solid waste into fuel ethanol and other commercial byproducts. **Pages S3287–88**

Rejected:

Cantwell Amendment No. 3234 (to Amendment No. 2917), to protect electricity consumers. (By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3241–51**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3316 (to Amendment No. 3140), in the nature of a substitute. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3252–55**

Fitzgerald Amendment No. 3124 (to Amendment No. 2917), to modify the definitions of biomass and renewable energy to exclude municipal solid waste. (By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3285–87**

Withdrawn:

Landrieu/Kyl Amendment No. 3050 (to Amendment No. 2917), to increase the transfer capability of electric energy transmission systems through participant-funded investment. **Page S3287**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 3093 (to Amendment No. 2917), to prohibit oil and gas

drilling activity in Finger Lakes National Forest, New York. **Page S3287**

Dayton Amendment No. 3097 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require additional findings for FERC approval of an electric utility merger. **Page S3287**

Landrieu Amendment No. 3274 (to Amendment No. 2917), to increase the transfer capability of electric energy transmission systems through participant-funded investment. **Page S3287**

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute.

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Murkowski/Breaux/Stevens Amendment No. 3132 (to Amendment No. 2917), to create jobs for Americans, to reduce dependence on foreign sources of crude oil and energy, to strengthen the economic self determination of the Inupiat Eskimos and to promote national security. **Page S3233**

Feinstein Amendment No. 3225 (to Amendment No. 2917), to modify the provision relating to the renewable content of motor vehicle fuel to eliminate the required volume of renewable fuel for calendar year 2004. **Page S3233**

Feinstein Amendment No. 3170 (to Amendment No. 2917), to reduce the period of time in which the Administrator may act on a petition by 1 or more States to waive the renewable fuel content requirement. **Page S3233**

Durbin Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 2917), to strike the nonbusiness use limitation with respect to the credit for the installation of certain small wind energy systems. **Pages S3283–85**

Harkin Amendment No. 3195 (to Amendment No. 2917), to direct the Secretary of Energy to revise the seasonal energy efficiency ratio standard for central air conditioners and central air conditioning heat pumps within 60 days. **Pages S3289–92**

Carper Amendment No. 3198 (to Amendment No. 2917), to decrease the United States dependence on imported oil by the year 2015. **Pages S3289–90**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3359 (to Amendment No. 2917), to modify the credit for new energy efficient homes by treating a manufactured home which meets the energy star standard as a 30 percent home. **Page S3292**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3139 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for equal liability treatment of vehicle fuels and fuel additives. **Page S3292**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3311 (to Amendment No. 3139), to provide for equal liability treatment of vehicle fuels and fuel additives. **Pages S3292–93**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Modified Submitted Amendments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule 22, it be in order to modify submitted amendment numbers 3239 and 3146. **Pages S3260–65**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nominations of Percy Anderson and John F. Walter, each to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 25, 2002, with a vote to occur on the confirmation of each nomination. **Pages S3334–35**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3296–S3302**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3319–34**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S3334**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—84) **Pages S3251, S3255, S3259–60, S3283, S3287**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 25, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3335).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, USAF, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lt. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, USA, Director, and Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker, Deputy Director, USAF, both of the Air National Guard; VAdm. John B. Totushek, USNR, Chief of Naval Reserve; Lt. Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, USAF, Chief of Air Force Reserve; and Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, USA, Chief of Army Reserve.

D.C. FAMILY COURT REFORM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine reformation efforts of the District of Columbia Family Court, focusing on the transition from the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to the Family Court of the Superior Court, recruiting trained and experienced judges, and promoting consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges and actions and proceedings in the Family Court, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Rufus King III, Chief Judge, and Lee Satterfield, Presiding Judge, Family Court, both of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Matthew I. Fraidin, Children's Law Center, and Deborah Luxenberg, on behalf of the Council for Court Excellence, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jacqueline Dolan, Pasadena, California, on behalf of the California Partnership for Children.

APPROPRIATIONS—STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, after receiving testimony from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Ellen W. Lazar, Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and Tony T. Brown, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on S. 2037, to mobilize technology and science experts to respond quickly to the threats posed by terrorist attacks and other emergencies, by

providing for the establishment of a national emergency technology guard, a technology reliability advisory board, and a center for evaluating antiterrorism and disaster response technology within the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and S. 2182, to authorize funding for computer and network security research and development and research fellowship programs, after receiving testimony from Representative Boehlert; George Strawn, Acting Assistant Director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation; Ronil Hira, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-USA, and Lance J. Hoffman, George Washington University Department of Computer Science, on behalf of the Association for Computing Machinery, both of Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey M. Logan, M/A-COM Wireless Systems, Inc., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; W. Wyatt Starnes, Tripwire, Inc., Portland, Oregon.

T'UF SHUR BIEN PRESERVATION TRUST AREA ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources/Committee on Indian Affairs: Committees concluded joint hearings on S. 2018, to establish the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area within the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico to resolve a land claim involving the Sandia Mountain Wilderness, after receiving testimony from William G. Myers III, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Thomas L. Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Nancy Bryson, General Counsel, Department of Agriculture; Stanley M. Hordes, HMS Associates, Inc., Santa Fe, New Mexico; John D. Leshy, University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, former Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Stuart Paisano, Sandia Tribal Council, Bernalillo, New Mexico; and E. Tim Cummins, Bernalillo County Commission, Walter E. Stern, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris, and Sisk, on behalf of the Sandia Peak Tram and Ski Company, Guy Riordan, Piedra Lisa Tract, Anita P. Miller, Sandia Mountain Coalition, and Edward Sullivan, New Mexico Wilderness, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

U.S.-COLOMBIA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded hearings to examine future relations between the United States and Colombia, focusing on economic stabilization, drug and arms trafficking, and respect for human rights, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Peter W. Rodman, Assistant

Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer, USA, Acting Commander in Chief, U. S. Southern Command; and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, and Jose Miguel Vivanco, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1284, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Evelyn Dee Potter Rose, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and James R. Stoner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, both of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, and Kathleen M. Har-

ington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

INDIAN FINANCING ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2017, to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program, after receiving testimony from Representative Bono; Les Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, Oregon; Marcia Warren Edelman, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin McGuire, Palm Desert National Bank, Palm Desert, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, May 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4559–4587; 1 private bill, H.R. 4588; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 89, were introduced. **Pages H1618–19**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 3764, to authorize appropriations for the Securities and Exchange Commission (H. Rept. 107–415, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 396, providing for consideration of H.R. 3231, to replace the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the Agency for Immigration Affairs (H. Rept. 107–419). **Page H1618**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Richard Lee of First Redeemer Church, of Alpharetta, Georgia. **Page H1537**

Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Farm Security Act: The House agreed to the Hooley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646, an act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, to agree to the provisions contained in section 1001 of the Senate amendment and section 944 of the House bill, relating to country of origin labeling requirements for agricultural commodities, but to insist on the six-month implementation deadline contained in the House bill by voice vote. **Pages H1537–40**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. **Page H1540**

Supplemental Report: The Committee on Financial Services received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 3764, to authorize appropriations for the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Page H1544**

Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act: The House passed H.R. 3763, to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws by a recorded vote of 334 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 110. **Pages H1544–92**

Rejected the LaFalce motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that sought to strike sections 11 and 12 and insert provisions that provide for the removal of unfit corporate officers, require disgorgement of compensation if an officer or director engages in misconduct resulting in erroneous financial statements, and require principal executive officers and financial officers to certify financial statements by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 109. **Pages H1589–92**

Agreed to the Committee on Financial Services amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 107–414, and made in order by the rule. **Page H1589**

Agreed To:

Oxley amendment no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that makes technical and conforming changes and strikes provisions pertaining to the adoption of a senior financial officers code of ethics;

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Capuano amendment no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that specifies that one member of the public regulatory organization (PRO) shall be a person who has never been licensed to practice public accounting;

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Rejected:

Sherman amendment no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that sought to require the net capital of an accountant to be equal to one-half of the annual audit revenue received from issuers registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

Pages H1565-67

Kucinich amendment in the nature of a substitute, no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that sought to create the Federal Bureau of Audits to conduct an annual audit of the financial statements that are required to be submitted by reporting issuers and to be certified under the securities laws, rules or regulations (rejected by a recorded vote of 39 ayes to 381 noes, Roll No. 107);

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LaFalce amendment in the nature of a substitute, no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 107-418 that sought to establish a Public Regulatory Organization within ninety days of enactment, define the nature and composition of the organization, and delineate its specific roles and responsibilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 108);

Pages H1574-89

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 395, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H1540-44

Recess: The House recessed at 5:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:28.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H1537.

Quorum Calls Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1573-74, H1588-89, H1591-92 and H1592. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Public Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Charlotte Beers, Under Secretary, Department of State; the following officials of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Marc Nathanson, Chairman; and Norman Pattiz, member of the Board; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of Treasury.

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Department of Education Panel: Teacher Recruitment, Preparation and Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Thomas P. Skelly, Director, Budget Service; Susan B. Neuman, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; Robert H. Pasternack, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Sally Stroup, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education; Grover J. Whitehurst, Assistant Secretary, Educational Research and Improvement; and Maria Hernandez Ferrier, Director, Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on House of Representatives, Library of Congress, GPO; and on GAO. Testimony was heard from the following Officers of the House of Representatives: Jeff Trandahl, Clerk; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; and James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; the following officials of GPO: Robert T. Mansker, Deputy Public Printer; Francis J. Buckley, Jr., Superintendent of

Documents; Charles C. Cook, Superintendent, Congressional Printing Management Division; William M. Guy, Budget Officer; and Andrew M. Sherman, Director, Office of Congressional, Legislative, and Public Affairs; the following officials of the GAO: David M. Walker, Comptroller General; Gene L. Dodaro, Chief Operating Officer; Sallyanne Harper, Chief Mission Support and Chief Financial Officer; Anthony Gamboa, General Counsel; and Richard L. Brown, Controller.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine approved for full Committee action recommendations to H.R. 4546, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved for full Committee action recommendations to H.R. 4546, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following: a measure to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend abstinence education funding under maternal and child health program through fiscal year 2007; a measure to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the authorization of transitional medical assistance for one year; a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month; H. Con. Res. 271, expressing the sense of the Congress that public awareness and education about the importance of health care coverage is of the utmost priority and that a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month should be established to promote these goals; H. Con. Res. 358, supporting the goals and ideals of National Better Hearing and Speech Month; H. Con. Res. 165, expressing the sense of the Congress that continual research and education into the cause and cure for fibroid cancer be addressed; and H. Con. Res. 309, recognizing the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR AMERICA ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings on H.R. 3995, Housing Affordability for

America Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: John Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing, and Commissioner, Federal Housing Administration; Roy Bernardi, Assistant Secretary, Community, Planning and Development; and Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; Thomas J. McCool, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on H.R. 4187, Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2002. Testimony was heard from Morton Rosenberg, Specialist, American Public Law, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on International Global Terrorism: Its Links with Illicit Drugs as Illustrated by the IRA and Other Groups in Colombia. Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Mark Wong, Deputy Coordinator, Counterterrorism, Department of State; and public witnesses.

U.N. AND THE SEX SLAVE TRADE IN BOSNIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the U.N. and the Sex Slave Trade in Bosnia: Isolated Case or Larger Problem in U.N. System? Testimony was heard from Nancy Ely-Raphel, Director, Office of Monitor and Combat Trafficking, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1577, amended, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2001; H.R. 1877, amended, Child Sex Wiretapping Act of 2001; H.R. 2624, Law Enforcement Tribute Act; H.R. 3375, Embassy Employee Compensation Act; and H.R. 3892, amended, Judicial Improvements Act of 2002.

The Committee also approved private relief bills.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 506, Huna Totem Corporation Land Exchange Act; H.R. 1370, amended, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of

1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by lessees of such facilities; H.R. 1462, amended, Harmful Nonnative Weed Control Act of 2001; H.R. 1906, amended, to amend the Act that established the Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park to expand the boundaries of that park; H.R. 2643, amended, Fort Clatsop National Memorial Expansion Act of 2001; H.R. 2818, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971; H.R. 3908, amended, North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act; H.R. 3954, amended, Caribbean National Forest Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2002; and H.R. 4044, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1946, Rock Boys'/North Central Montana Regional Water System Act of 2001; and H.R. 4129, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to clarify the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the Central Utah Project, to redirect unexpended budget authority for the Central Utah Project for wastewater treatment and reuse and other purposes, to provide for prepayment of repayment contracts for municipal and industrial water delivery facilities, and to eliminate a deadline for such prepayment. Testimony was heard from Bennett Raley, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; John E. Tubbs, Bureau Chief, Resource Development Bureau, Conservation and Resource Development Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, State of Montana; and public witnesses.

BARBARA JORDAN IMMIGRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3231, Barbara Jordan Immigration and Accountability Act of 2001. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule makes in

order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner; Representatives Cannon, Bilirakis, Kolbe, Conyers, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Hastings of Florida, Gutierrez and Roybal-Allard.

WHY ADD AN INTEREST RATE HIKE ON OUR STRUGGLING SMALL MANUFACTURERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Why Add an Interest Rate Hike on Our Struggling Small Manufacturers. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1979, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for the construction of certain air traffic control towers; H.R. 4006, to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 Federal Plaza in Central Islip, New York, as the "Alfonse M. D'Amato United States Courthouse;" H.R. 4028, to designate the United States courthouse located at 600 West Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Richard S. Arnold United States Courthouse;" H.R. 4466, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005; H.R. 4481, amended, Airport Streamlining Approval Process Act of 2002.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

VETERANS' MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 4514, Veterans' Major Medical Facilities Construction Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from D. Mark Catlett, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Col. David D.

Gilbreath, USAF, Commander, Elmendorf Air Force Base Hospital, Department of the Air Force; and representatives of veterans organizations.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION—STEEL SAFEGUARD ACTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered adversely reported H.J. Res. 84, disapproving the action taken by the President under section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 transmitted to the Congress on March 5, 2002.

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM BUDGET—CIA PROGRAM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Budget for the National Reconnaissance Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget for the Central Intelligence Agency Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine transit accomplishments and challenges in the 21st Century, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 2201, to protect the online privacy of individuals who use the Internet, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Harold D. Stratton, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner and Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, created by the Welfare Reform Law of 1996, focusing on helping hard-to-employ families, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, focusing on behavioral support in schools, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine women's health issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Julia Smith Gibbons, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Leonard E. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, David C. Godbey, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Andrew S. Hanen, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Samuel H. Mays, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Thomas M. Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs preparedness regarding options to nursing homes, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on National Foreign Intelligence Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on D.C. Public Schools and D.C. Charter Schools, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Department of Education Panel: Transition into the Workforce, 9:45 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., and on CBO, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to mark up H.R. 4546, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

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Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Predictability and Control Twin Reasons for Restoring Budget Disciplines, 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on Citizen Service in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on A Review of OSHA's Plan to Reduce Ergonomic Injuries, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.J. Res. 87, approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Policy Act of 1982, 9:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on H.R. 3951, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing on Ensuring the safety of our Federal Workforce: GSA's Use of Technology to secure Federal Buildings, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 4073, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts; and H.R. 3969, Freedom Promotion Act of 2002, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Community-Based

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Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the 2001 National Park Service Management Policies, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

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